रिफाइनरी को बंद करना पड़ रहा है ...(व्यवधान) तब हमने इसका आयात करना शुरू किया ...(व्यवधान) मुझे लगता है कि इन लोगों को जनता की पीड़ा की चिंता नहीं है ...(व्यवधान)

श्री सभापति: सदन की कार्यवाही 12 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at twenty-six minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock,

Mr. Deputy Chairman *in the Chair.*

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Plans for development of tourism

*181. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that perspective plans of 20 years for developing tourism in the States have been prepared;

(b) if so, the details and the target of these plans; and

(c) the details of plans envisaged in respect to Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad objectives of the perspective plans for the States were to:

(i) assess the existing tourism scenario in the States;

(ii) review the status of existing development/investment plans;

(iii) evaluate the existing potential tourist destinations;

(iv) develop sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;

(v) identify the existing as well as new tourism projects that have potential for development;

(vi) give plans with short term and long term targets;

(vii) indicate the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and

(viii) prepare an action plan for implementation of identified potential schemes/projects, and for development of infrastructure.

(c) The twenty year perspective plan for the State of Tamil Nadu has categorized various destinations in the State under six broad heads *viz.* Pilgrimage Destinations; Heritage Locations and Historical Monuments; Locations of Scenic Beauty (hill stations, beaches, and forests/sanctuaries); Tourist Festival Locations; Adventure Destinations; and Leisure Destinations. Accordingly, the plan has prioritized various projects in the State, to be taken up in short run and long run.

As development of potential tourism desinations is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the 20 years Perspective Plans were sent to the States/UTs for preparation of their developmental plans accordingly.

Support and suggestions from world Bank on water related issues

*183. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has enhanced the quantum of its loan for water-related sectors in India from $200 million a year to $800 million a year for four years;

(b) what are the pre-conditions set forth by the Bank for extending this loan package;

(c) whether the World Bank report on India's performance on water-related issues, mentions of poor management and predicts a turbulent future, devoid of minimum requirement of water to sustain its economy; and

(d) whether the Bank has recommended construction of mega dams in the country to enhance its water storage capacity from the 30 days of rainfall to 900 days as is done in major river basins in arid area of developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Country Director, World Bank has indicated an enhancement of fund allocation